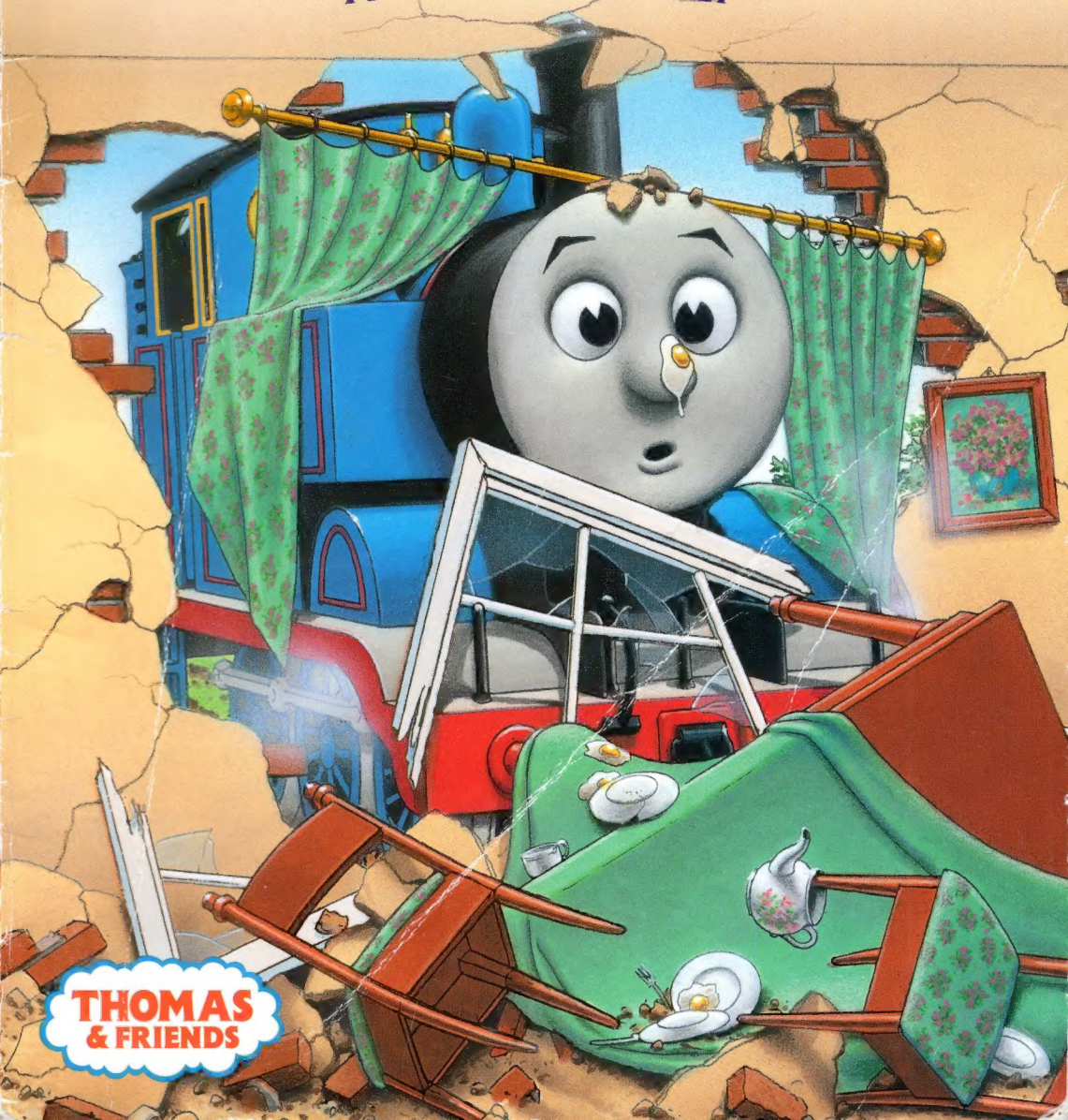
STEP INTO READING®

ready to read and write

STEP 1

Thomas Comes to Breakfast

A Write-In Reader



DEAR PARENT,

In addition to learning to read, learning to write is one of the most important skills we can teach our children. It is essential to a child's future success. In the beginning, we praise their endearing hieroglyphic attempts at writing the alphabet. We cluck proudly as they progress to producing recognizable letters and words. **Step into Reading Write-In Readers** are books created specifically as guides and companions for your child as he or she embarks on this important voyage of discovery.

Step into Reading Write-In Readers offer exciting stories with strong characters and fast-paced action. But in contrast to any other beginning reader, well-placed breaks in the narrative provide pages on which emerging writers can contribute their own personal touches to the story. They are encouraged to write directly in the book! The more engaged your child becomes with the book, the more naturally creativity and communication skills will flourish. Here are some ways you can help.

- If your child is a pre-writer, read the story all the way through once. The next time, pause at the write-in pages and encourage him or her to draw pictures or dictate words that help tell the story.
- As writing skills develop, so will independence. Encourage your young one to think about the story before deciding what to write or draw.
- Improvement brings confidence. Make positive comments about your child's writing efforts along the way.

Routinely reading to—and with—your child has a great purpose beyond the obvious pleasure it brings you both. Helping your young one develop a love for words can be his or her key to the world one day. **Step into Reading Write-In Readers** help children learn to think on paper and have fun doing it. Share your child's delight in exploration and discovery. Have a good time with your young writer and don't be afraid to show it. Enthusiasm is contagious!

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Poet, Author, Speaker, Literacy Advocate

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Learning to Read and Write Step by Step!

Ready to Read and Write Preschool–Kindergarten
- big type and easy words
- picture clues
- drawing and first writing activities

For children who like to "tell" stories by drawing pictures and are eager to write.

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- short sentences
- simple writing activities

For children who use letters, words, and pictures to tell stories.

Reading and Writing on Your Own Grades 1–3
- popular topics
- easy-to-follow plots
- creative writing activities

For children who are comfortable writing simple sentences on their own.

STEP INTO READING® Write-In Readers are designed to give every child a successful reading and writing experience. The grade levels are only guides. Children can progress through the steps at their own speed, developing confidence in their abilities, no matter what grade.

Remember, a lifetime love of reading and writing starts with a single step!

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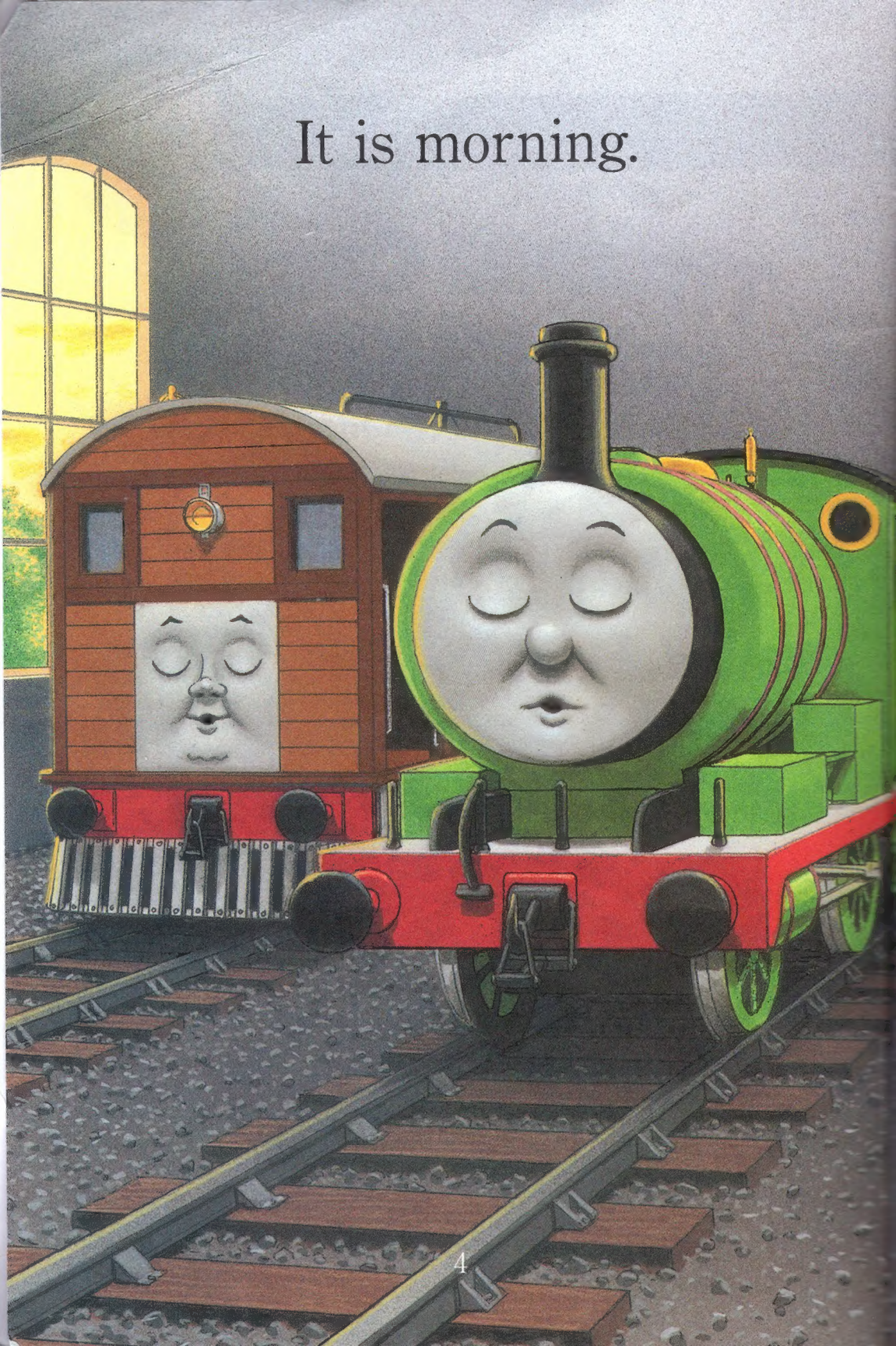
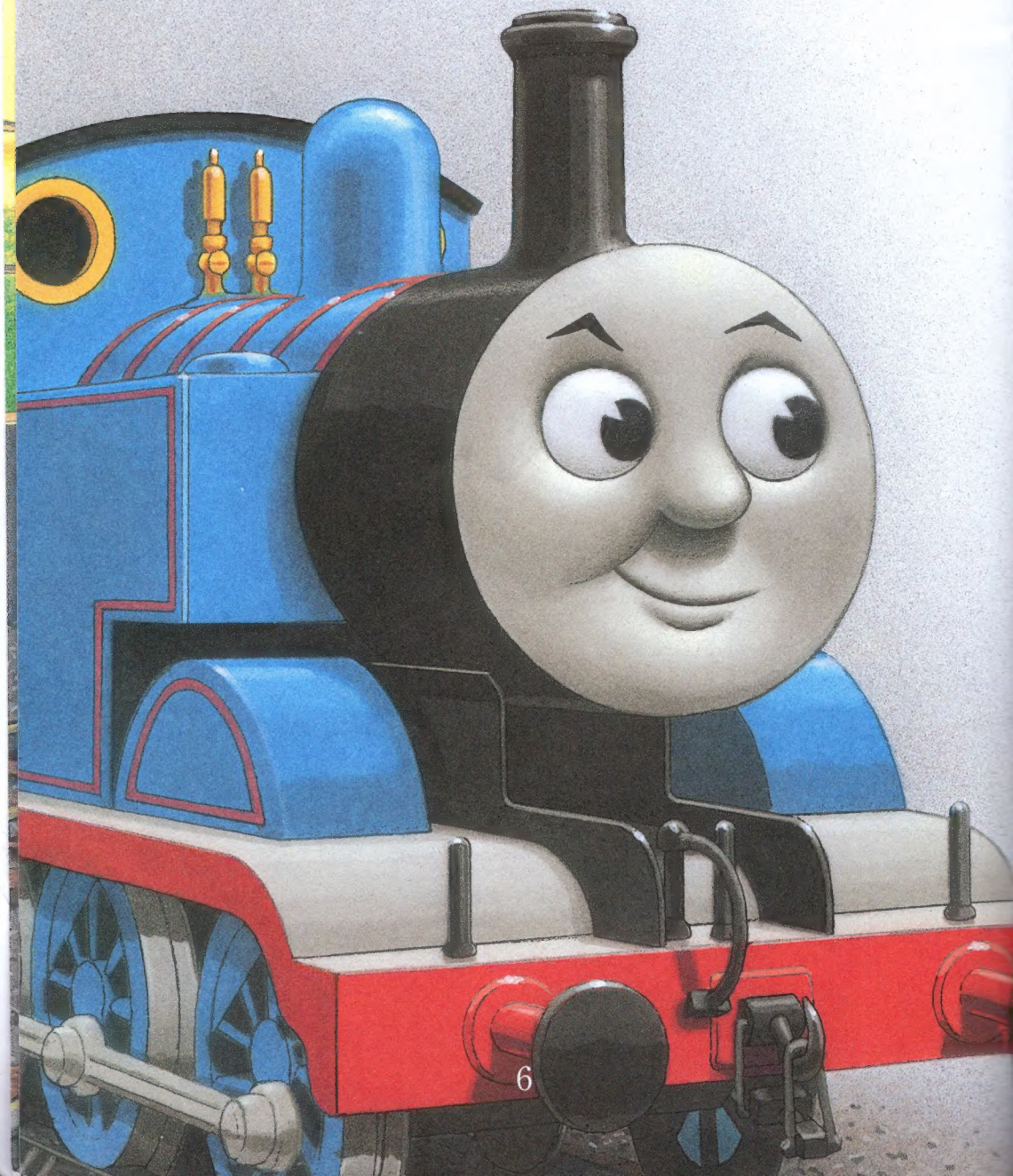
It is morning.

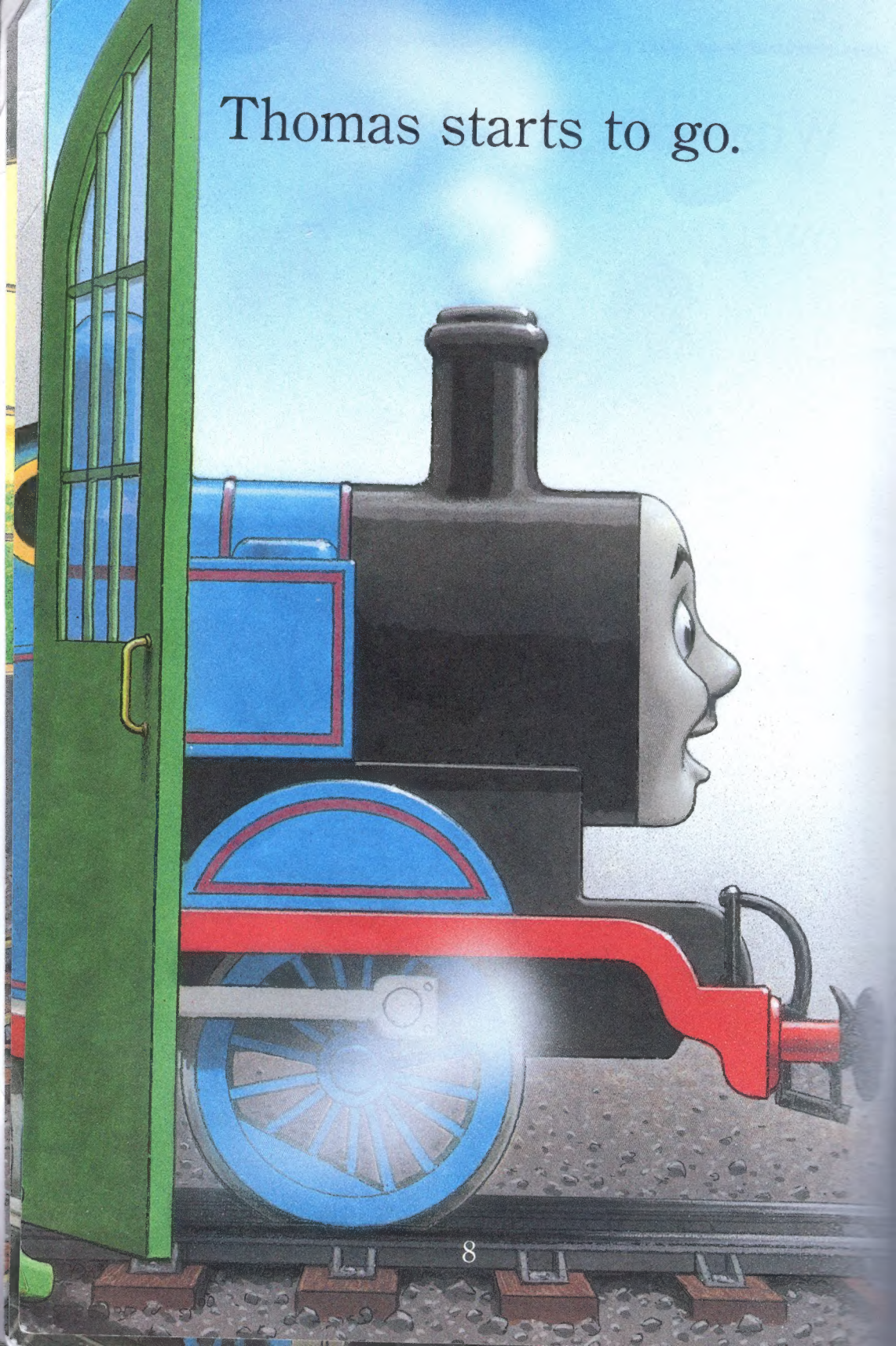


Thomas wants to drive on his own.



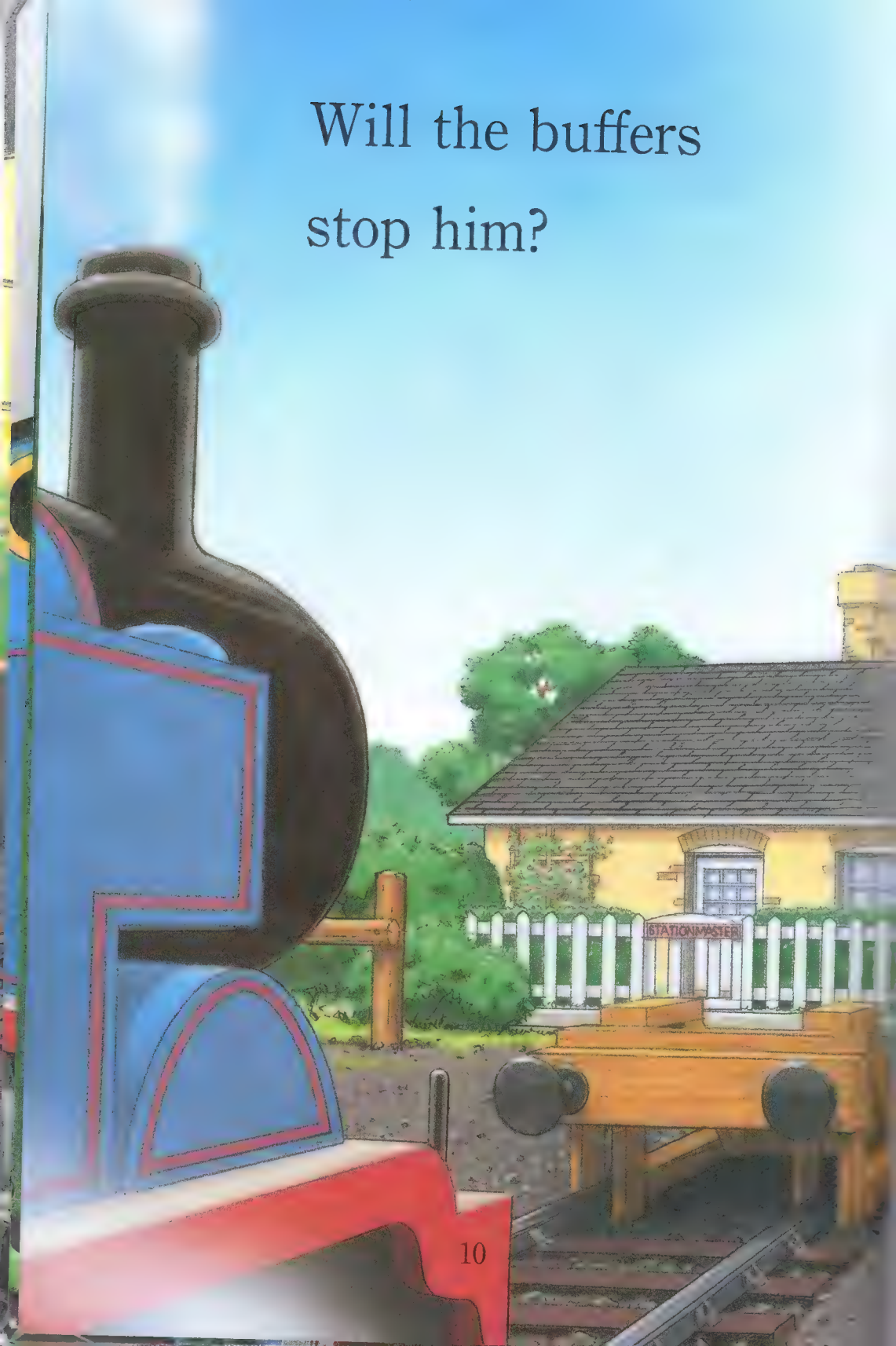
What can you do on your own?

Draw a picture of yourself doing it.

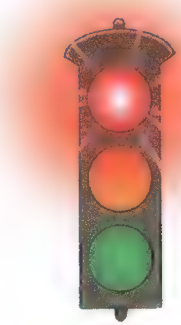

Thomas starts to go.

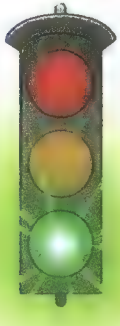
He can not stop.

Will the buffers stop him?



Circle things that make you stop.





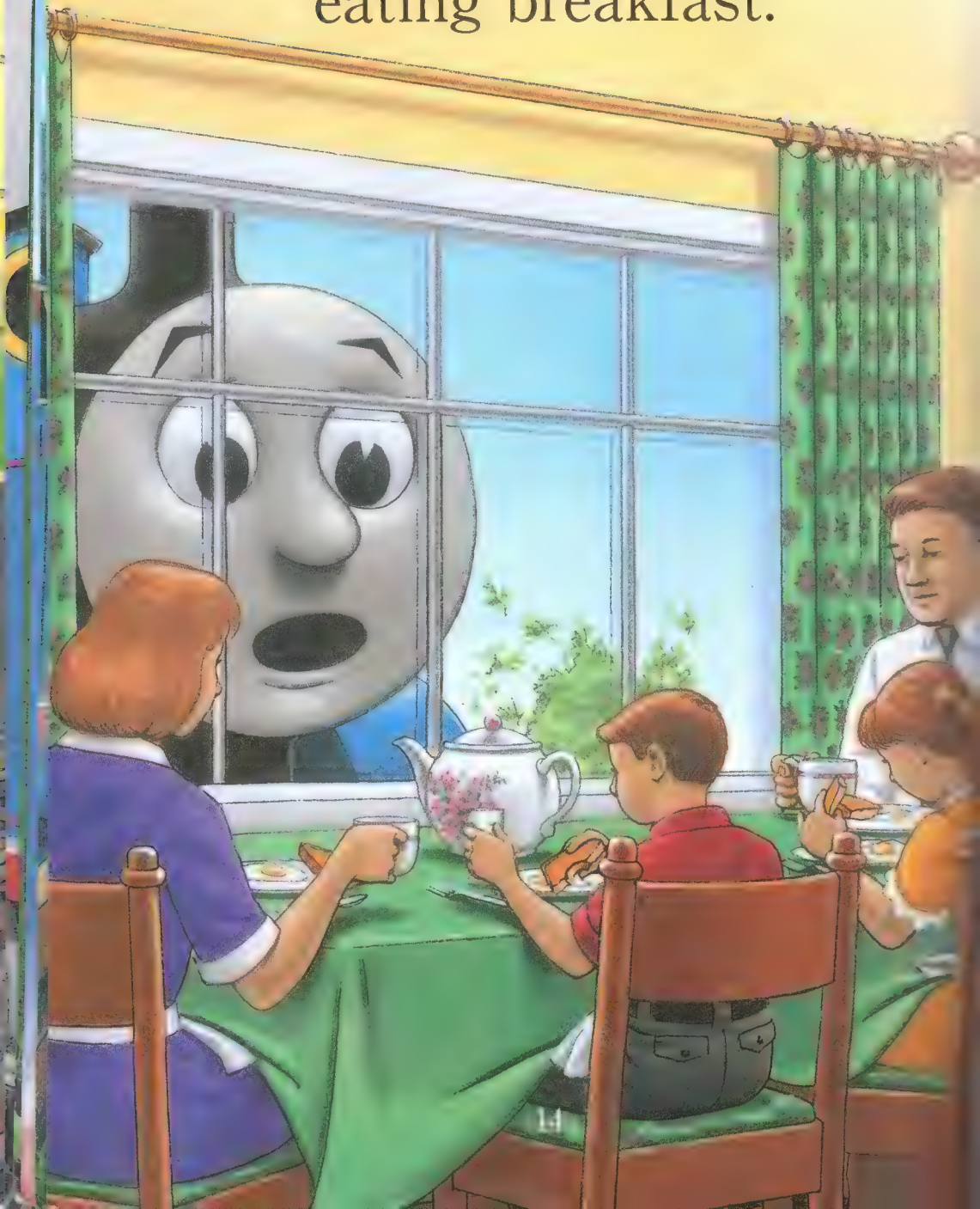
Write STOP in the stop sign.

Oh, no!

CRASH!

Look out for the house!

A family is
eating breakfast.



What do you like to eat?

Draw it.

Thomas can not stop.

Oh, no!

CRASH!

Who crashed into the wall?

Thomas did!

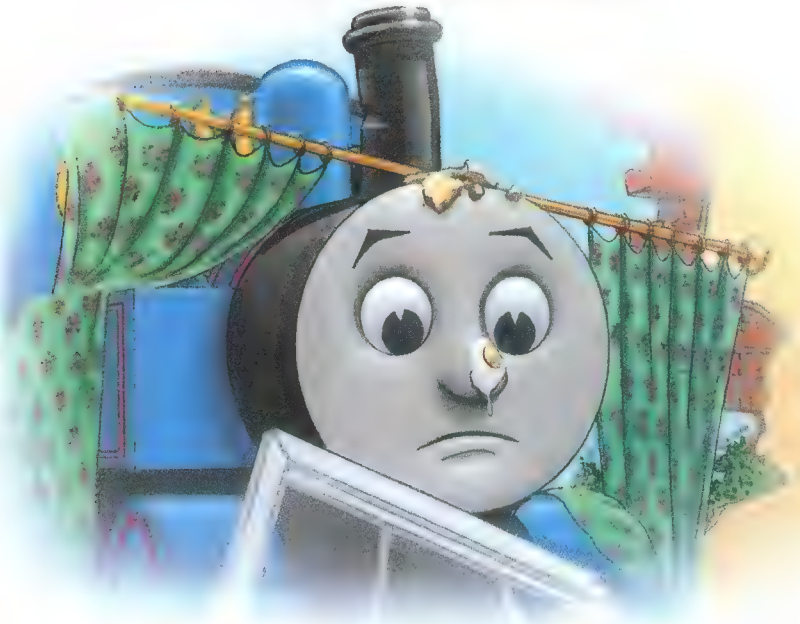
He has egg on his face.

What a mess.

The family is mad.

Draw a mad face.

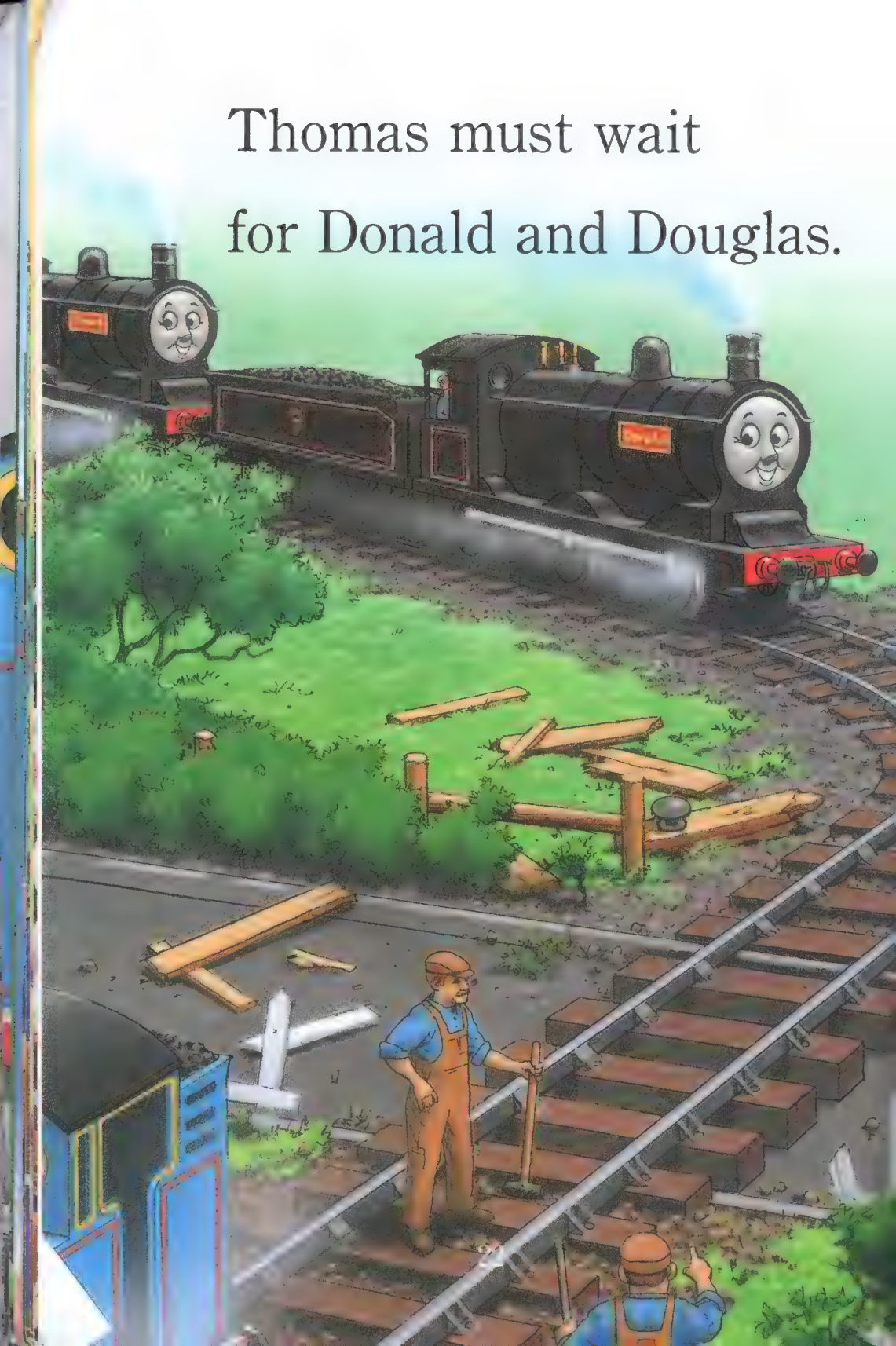
Thomas is sad.



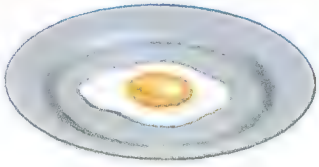
Draw a sad face.

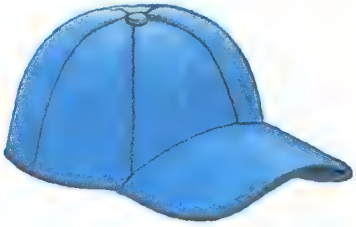
Thomas must wait

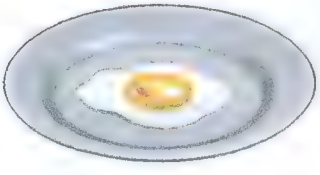
for Donald and Douglas.



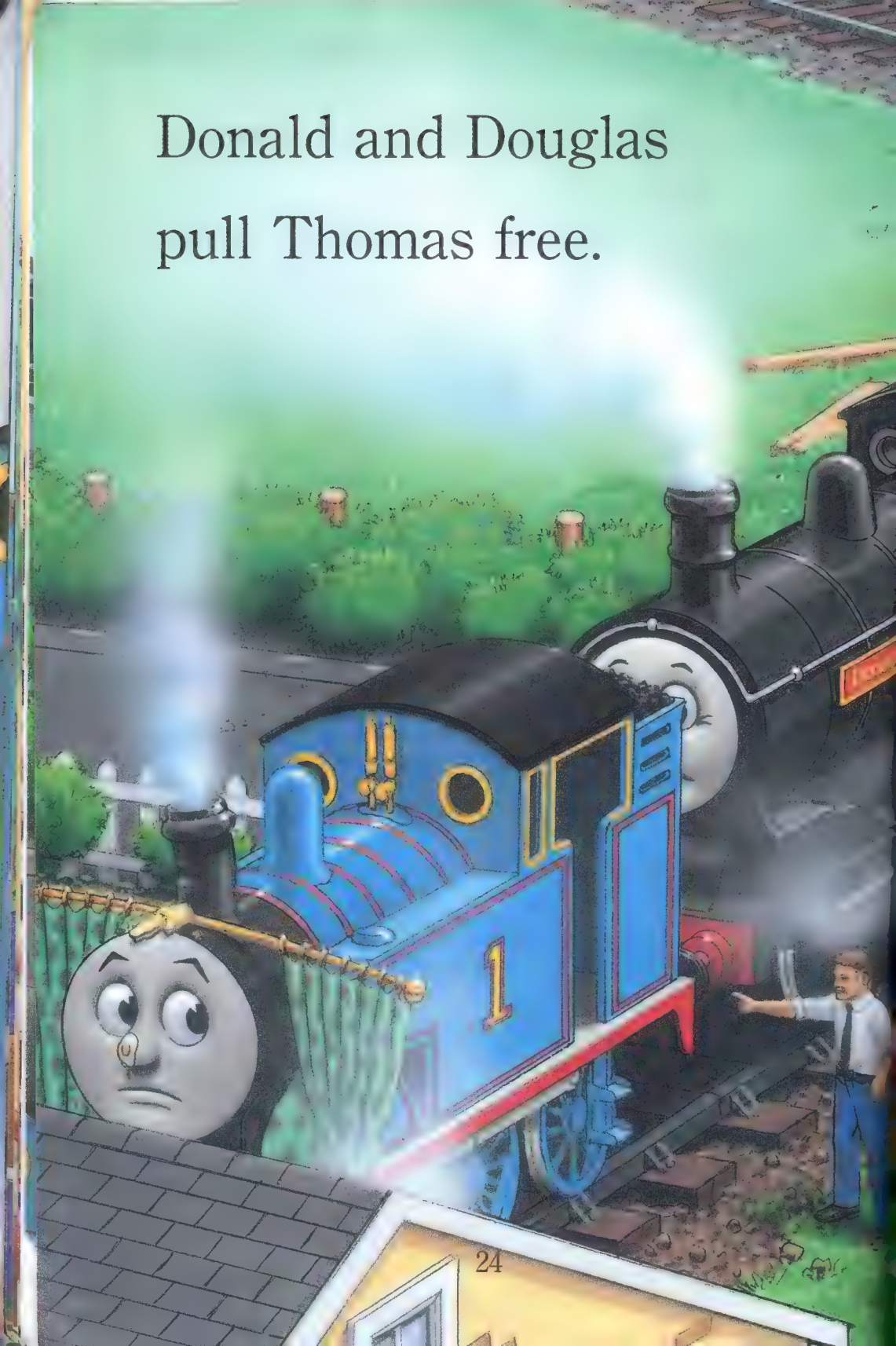
Donald and Douglas look alike. Connect the pictures that look alike.



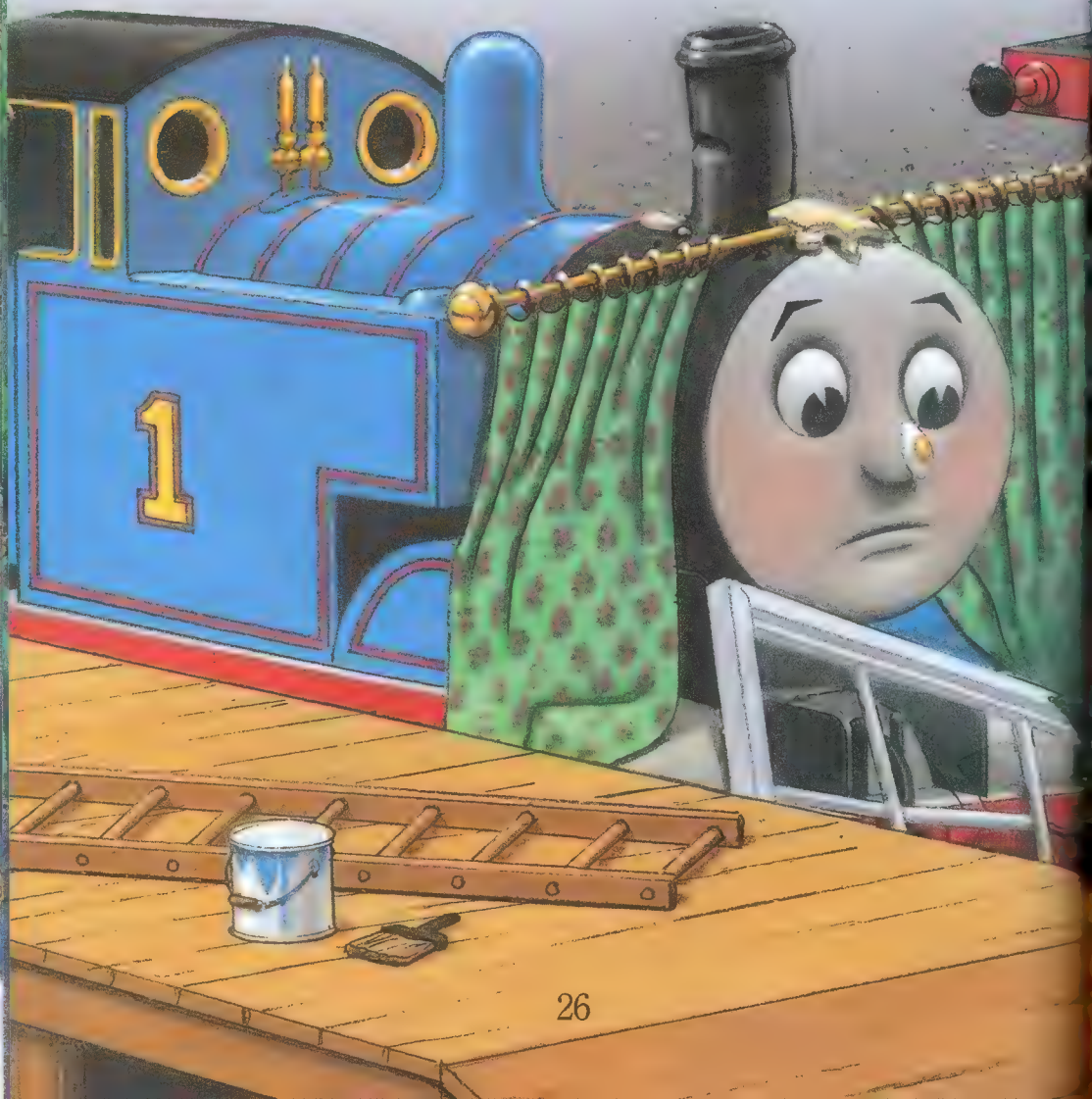


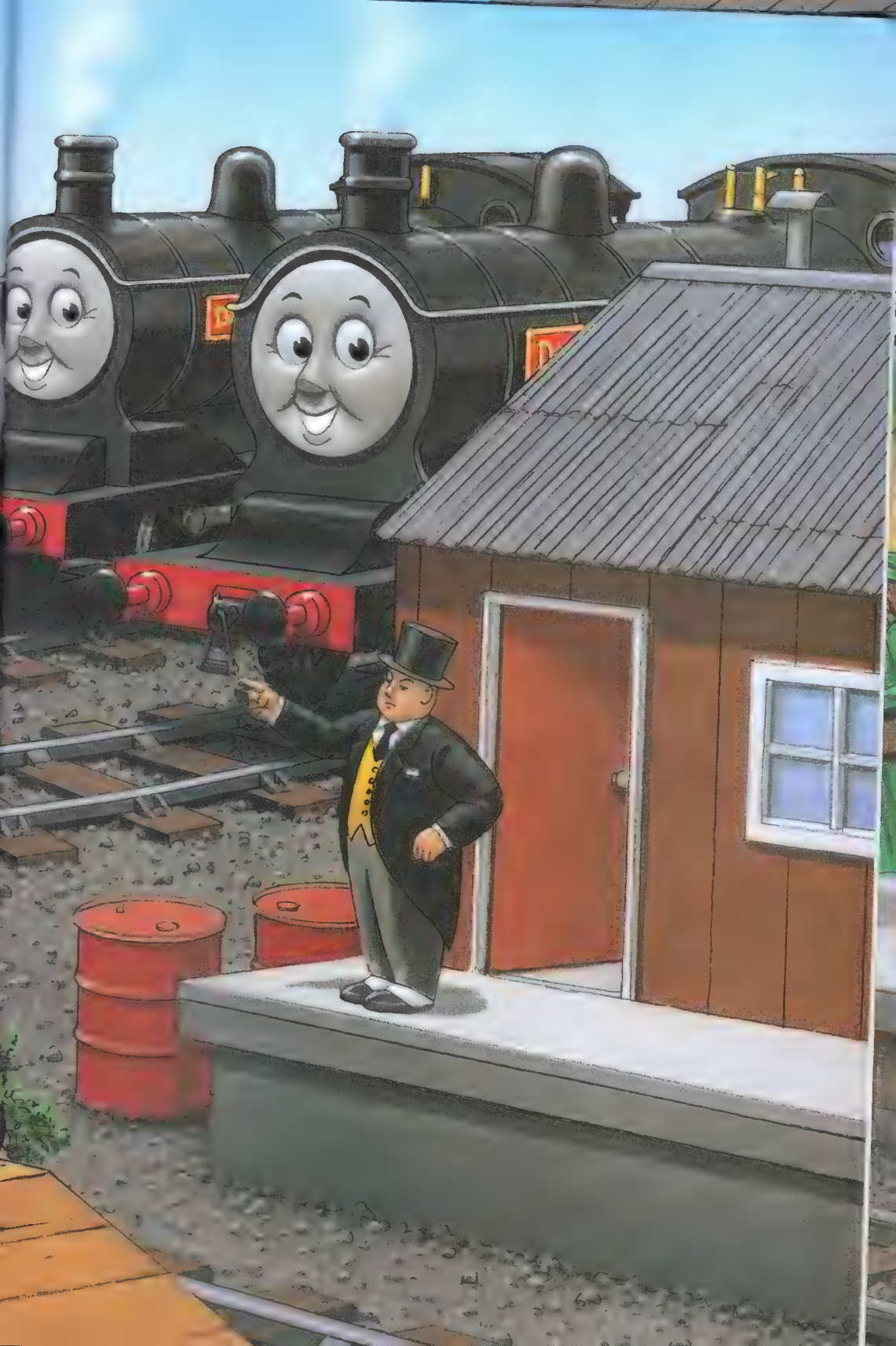


Donald and Douglas
pull Thomas free.

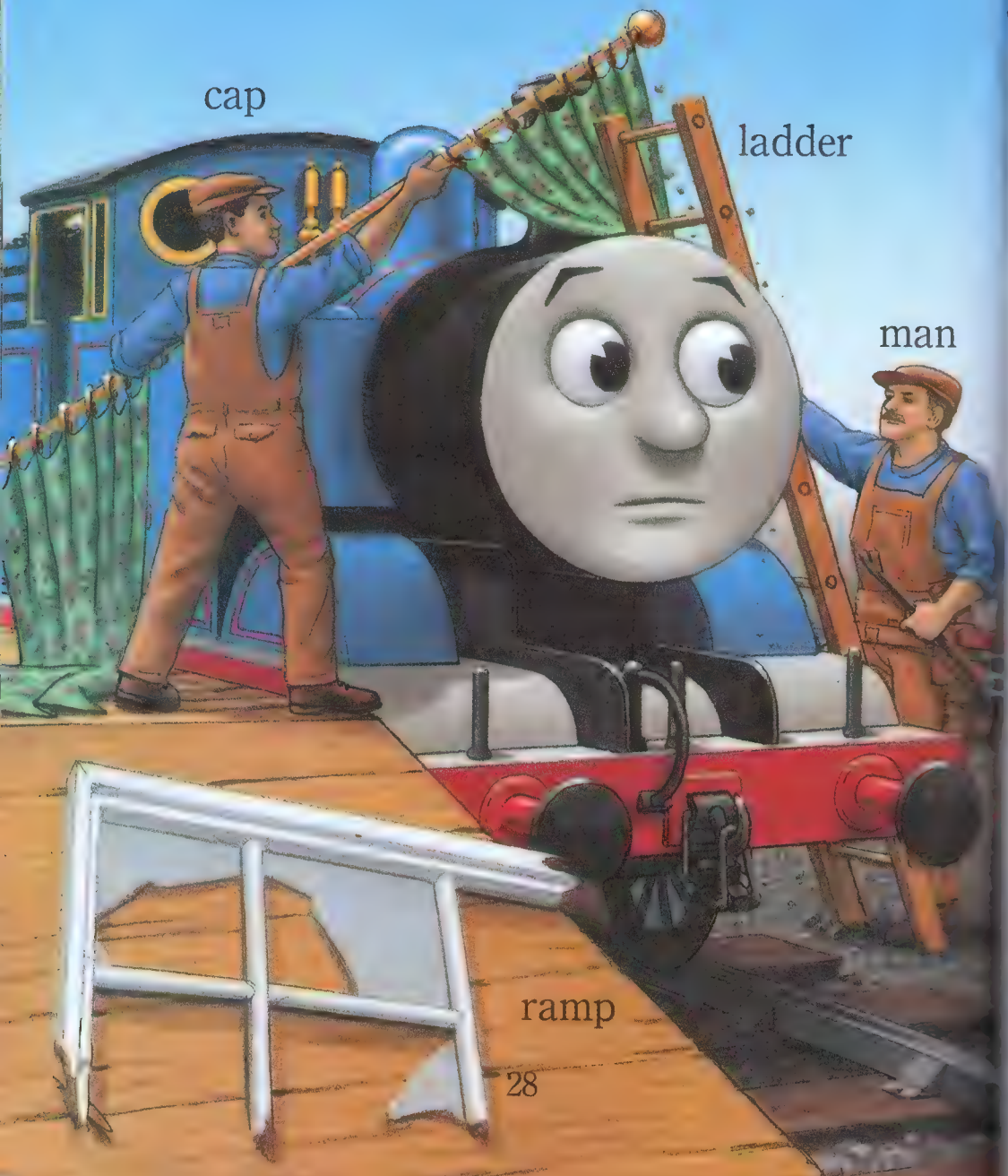


Thomas looks silly.
Donald and Douglas
laugh at him.





Workmen fix Thomas.



Finish the names of things you see in this picture.

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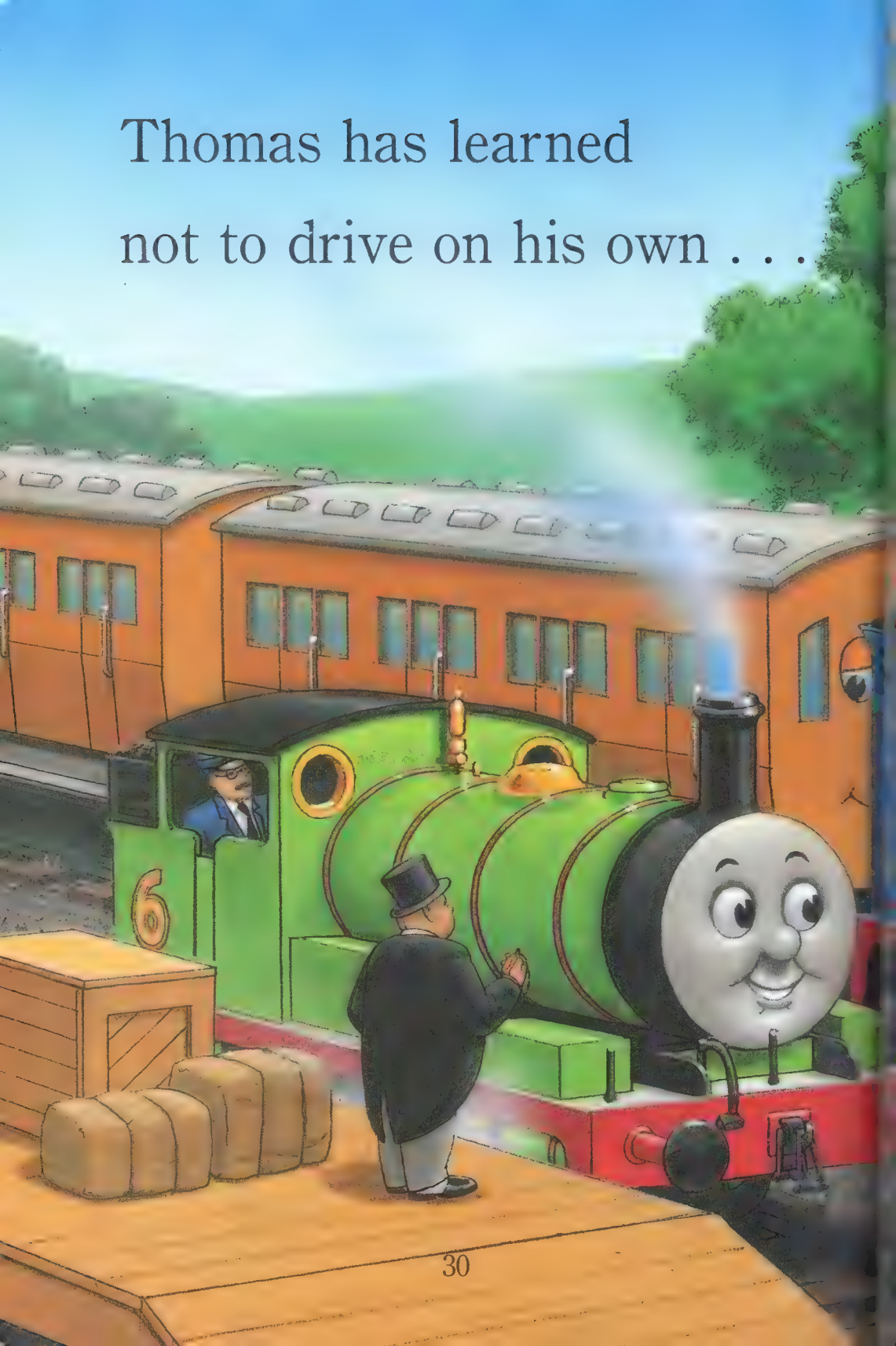
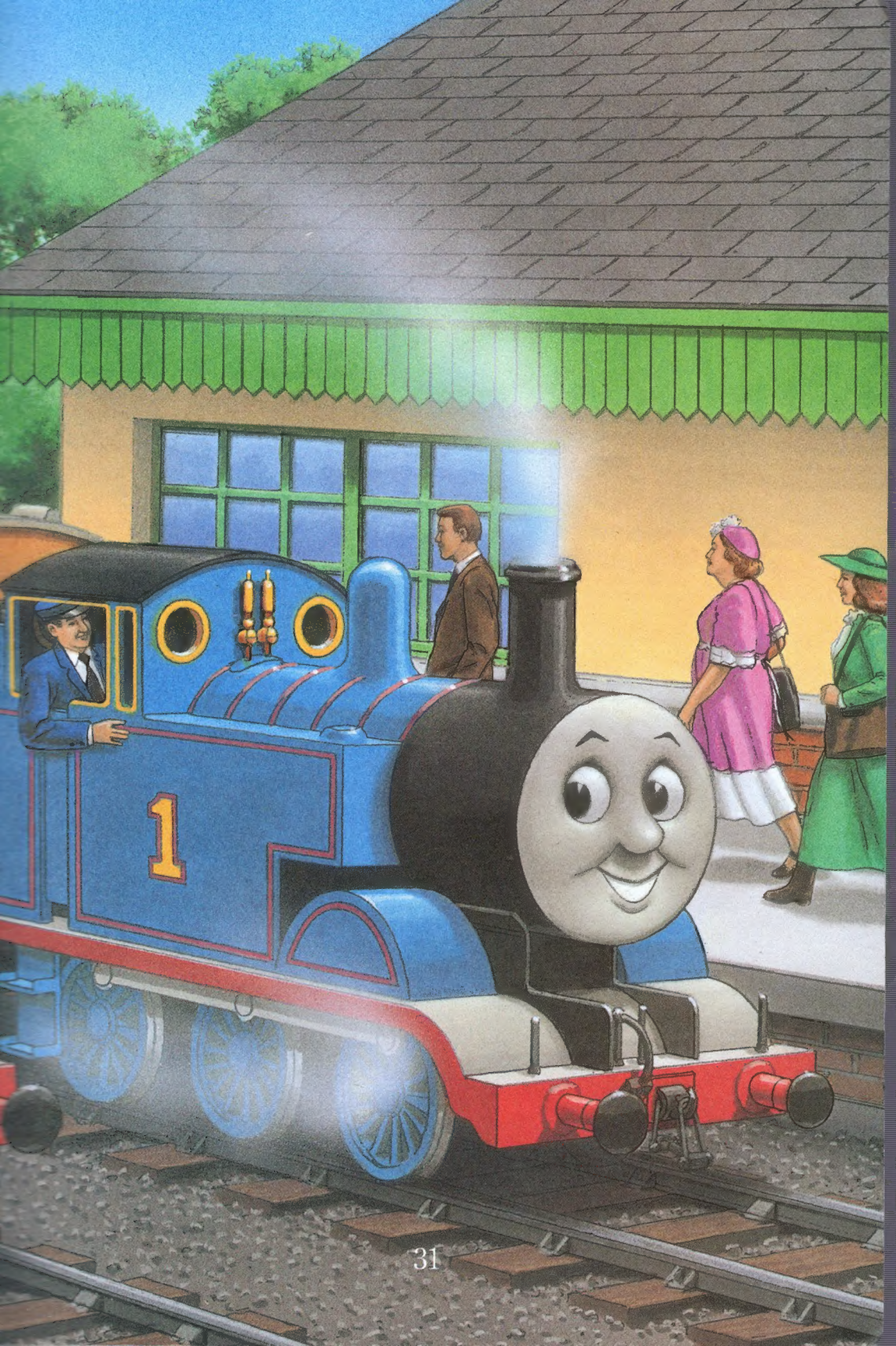
Thomas has learned
not to drive on his own . . .

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PIG PICNIC
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THE SNOWMAN
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✪ A Disney Reader
♦ A Phonics Reader
➢ A Thomas the Tank Engine Reader
✎ A Write-In Reader

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This reader encourages children to express themselves creatively through drawing and writing!

What this book is about . . .

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But who will pull the brake. Uh-oh!

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